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1. 研究成果概要(試料の名称、組成、物理的・化学的性状を明記するとともに、実験方法、利用の結果得られた主なデータ、考察、結論、図表等を記述してください。)

Outline of experimental results (experimental method and results should be reported including sample information such as composition, physical and/or chemical characteristics.

In this study, we tried to install a ^3He nuclear spin flip system for the in-situ SEOP, which works as a π -flipper for polarized neutrons. ^3He nuclear spins can be flipped by the nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) technique. The polarization of the circularly-polarized laser must be reversed simultaneously because non-reversed laser beam reduce the polarization of spin-flipped ^3He . To change the polarity of the laser, a half-wavelength plate was installed. The rotation angle of the half-wavelength plate was optimized, and a polarization of 98 % was obtained for the circularly-polarized laser. The ^3He polarization reached 70 % and was stable over one week.

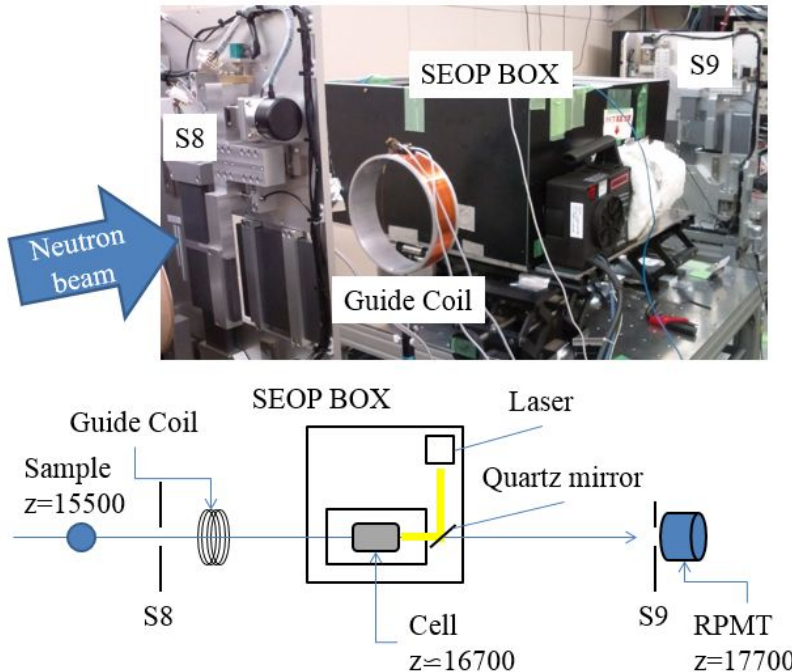


Figure 1. The picture and schematic top view of the demonstration at SHARAKU. The SEOP BOX was set between the S8 and S9.

A demonstration of the ^3He nuclear spin flip system was performed at the neutron reflectometer SHARAKU (BL17). Figure 1 shows a picture and schematic top view of the experiment at SHARAKU. The in-situ SEOP including the ^3He nuclear spin flip system (SEOP box) was set between the S8 and S9, which used as a neutron spin analyzer. A ^3He filter cell, which is set in the SEOP box, was placed at 1200 mm downstream of the sample position.

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The size of the ^3He filter cell was 35 mm in diameter, 55 mm in length and pressure length product was 11 bar cm. A two-dimensional position sensitive detector, RPMT, was placed at $z = 17700$ mm. A guide coil was set between the S8 and the SEOP box to avoid depolarization of neutron spin.

A Fe/Cr multilayered thin film with the giant-magnetoresistance effect was used as a sample [1]. The ^3He nuclear spin flip system enabled us to control a neutron spin after the sample, and four patterns of neutron spin combinations before and after the sample (+,+), (-,-), (+,-) and (-,+) could be measured. Figure 2 shows the results of off-specular measurements with the four neutron spin combinations. The applied magnetic field to the sample was 200 Oe. Specular and off-specular reflections are shown on the $Q_x = 0$ and $Q_x \neq 0$, respectively. Off-specular reflections are measured around $Q_z = 0.08 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ which indicates the existence of the antiferromagnetic correlations in the sample. Scattering intensities of off-specular reflections in the spin-flip conditions of (+,-) and (-,+) are almost same as shown in Fig. 2, because both spin-flip conditions (+,-) and (-,+) have same interactions with magnetic structures in the sample. These results are consistent with ref. [1], and show that the ^3He nuclear spin flip system has enough performance as a π -flipper for polarized neutron. The demonstration of the ^3He nuclear spin flip system has been performed successfully.

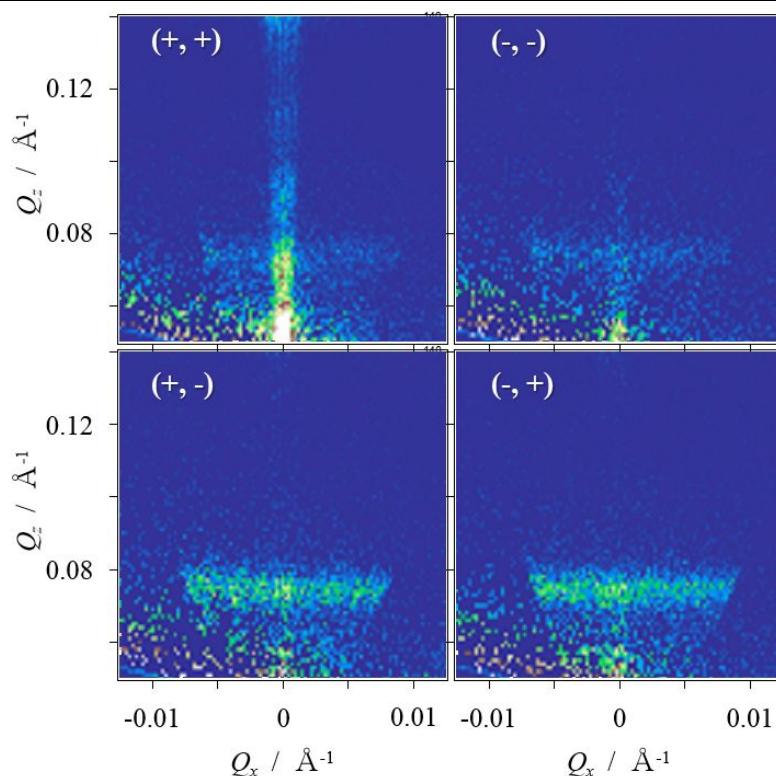


Figure 2. The results of the off-specular measurements with the four neutron spin combination patterns.

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